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SUBJECT: MEPC: DRAFT RESOLUTION

TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION PREPARED BY WORKING GROUP JULY
23-27 FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW IMCO MARINE ENVIRONMENT
PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC) FOLLOWS:

"THE ASSEMBLY,

"TAKING NOTE OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE IMCO CONVENTION RE-
GARDING THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION,

"BEING AWARE OF THE INCREASING EXTENT AND IMPORTANCE
OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION RELATIVE TO THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE LAND, SEA OR AIR BY OR

FROM SHIPS, VESSELS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT OPERATING IN THE
MARINE ENVIRONMENT,

"TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT (STOCKHOLM,
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5-16 JUNE 1972), THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE PREPARA-

TION FOR THE THIRD LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND OF
RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE UNITED NATIONS AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION,

"RECOGNIZING THAT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD, ACTI-
VITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
INVOLVED WITH RELATED ACTIVITIES OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS
BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS
BEING CALLED UPON TO PLAY A WIDER AND MORE SIGNIFICANT
ROLE IN THIS FIELD,

"NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE PRINCIPAL BURDEN
ARISING FROM RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR
DEALING WITH MARINE POLLUTION, HAS HITHERTO BEEN CARRIED
BY THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE IN ADDITION TO ITS
IMPORTANT AND EXTENSIVE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS RELATIVE
TO THE SAFETY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AT SEA,

"BELIEVING NEVERTHELESS THAT OVERALL EFFICIENCY
OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED IN THE
FUTURE IF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF THE
MARINE ENVIRONMENT ARE UNDERTAKEN BY A BODY SPECIFICALLY
ASSIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE, THUS ENABLING THE MARITIME
SAFETY COMMITTEE TO CONCENTRATE MORE SPECIFICALLY ON
THE WORK RELATING TO MARITIME SAFETY WHICH IS ALSO
INCREASING IN IMPORTANCE AND MAGNITUDE,

"HAVING NOTED THE OUTCOME OF THE IMCO CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION (LONDON, 8 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 1973),
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION
FROM SHIPS, 1973 AND THE ADOPTION OF ASSOCIATED CONFER-
ENCE RESOLUTIONS,

"HAVING CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
COUNCIL AND ITS AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MARINE ENVIRON-
MENT PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE ROLE AND
ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN THIS FIELD,

"NOTING ARTICLES 12 AND 16(C) OF THE IMCO CONVEN-
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TION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES,

"RECOGNIZING THAT THE OBJECTIVES WILL BE MOST
EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY ACHIEVED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PERMANENT COMMITTEE TO EXECUTE AND COORDINATE ALL
ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION RELATING TO THE PREVENTION
AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT,

"DECIDES TO ESTABLISH THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT SUBSIDIARY BODY OF THE ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 12 AND 16(C) OF THE IMCO CONVENTION, WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

"TO CO-ORDINATE AND ADMINISTER, IN CONSULTATION AS APPROPRIATE WITH OTHER BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPERT BODIES WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS

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SYSTEM, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF MARINE POLLUTION, AND IN PARTICULAR:

(A) TO PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS AS ARE OR MAY BE CONFERRED UPON THE ORGANIZATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS OR OTHER CRAFT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT AND COMMUNICATION TO GOVERNMENTS OF

REGULATIONS OR OTHER PROVISIONS, AS PROVIDED
FOR IN SUCH CONVENTIONS;

(B) TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO FACILITATE
THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONVENTIONS REFERRED TO
IN PARAGRAPH (A) ABOVE;

(C) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINA-
TION OF SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ANY OTHER
PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE PREVENTION AND
CONTROL OF MARINE POLLUTION TO STATES, PAR-
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TICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND, WHERE
APPROPRIATE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO
DEVELOP GUIDELINES;

(D) TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION WITH AND BETWEEN RE-
GIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE PRE-
VENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION;

(E) TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WITH
RESPECT TO ANY OTHER MATTERS FALLING WITHIN
THE SCOPE OF THE ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD CON-
TRIBUTE TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF MARINE
POLLUTION, INCLUDING CO-OPERATION ON ENVIRON-
MENTAL MATTERS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-
IZATIONS.'

"DECIDES FURTHER THAT:

(A) MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE OPEN TO
ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND TO
OTHER STATES PARTIES TO CONVENTIONS IN RESPECT
OF WHICH THE COMMITTEE PERFORMS FUNCTIONS;
PROVIDED THAT A STATE NOT A MEMBER OF THE
ORGANIZATION MAY VOTE ONLY WHEN THE COMMITTEE
PERFORMS FUNCTIONS IN RESPECT OF A CONVENTION
TO WHICH IT IS A PARTY, AS PROVIDED IN THAT
CONVENTION;

(B) THE COMMITTEE SHALL, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY
PROVIDED OTHERWISE IN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE,
FOR EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH (A) THEREOF, REPORT TO
THE ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL
SHALL TRANSMIT REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE
ASSEMBLY, TOGETHER WITH ITS OWN COMMENTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS. AS REGARDS BUDGETARY AND
OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS, THE COUNCIL
SHOULD EXERCISE THE SAME FUNCTIONS AND CONTROL
AS IT DOES OVER OTHER SECTORS OF THE ORGANI-

ZATION'S WORK.

(C) THE COMMITTEE SHALL FOLLOW THE RULES OF PRO-
CEDURE OF ASSEMBLY EXCEPT INsofar AS THE
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COMMITTEE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF ASSEMBLY,
ADOPTS OTHER RULES. THE COMMITTEE IS EMPOWERED
TO ADOPT AND APPLY ITS OWN RULES IN RELATION
TO THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: SESSIONS, CREDEN-
TIALS, PUBLICITY, AGENDA, ELECTION OF OFFICERS,
SUMMARY RECORDS AND LANGUAGES. THE QUORUM FOR
THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE DETER-
MINED BY THE COMMITTEE ITSELF, PROVIDED THAT IT
SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN (SEE PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE
WORKING GROUP'S REPORT) MEMBERS ENTITLED TO
VOTE ON THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION.

"REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE ALL NECES-
SARY STEPS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE COMMITTEE EARLY
IN 1974,

"REQUESTS THE COUNCIL, THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE
AND THE LEGAL COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSIST-
ANCE AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE."

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